GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:346
ANSWERED ON:05.02.2004
SHORTAGE OF COACHES AND WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy shortage of Railway Coaches and Wagons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the places in the country where the wagons and coaches are being manufactured and the manufacturing capacity of each of them, separately;

(d) the number of wagons and coaches manufactured in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to manufacture the required number of coaches and wagons?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 346 BY SHRI HARIBH CHAUDHARY, AND SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA, TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2004 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COACHES A WAGONS.

(a): There is no shortage of railway coaches in the country . However, there is shortage of wagons.

(b). Although the actual loading of revenue earning freight traffic during the period from April to December, 2003, was 26.69 million tonnes more than the loading in the corresponding period of the previous year and also 11.01 million tonnes more than the proportionate target upto December, 2003, Railways have not been able to meet the full requirement of wagons for various commodities including coal, iron ore and foodgrains for export, cement, etc. for the following reasons:

(i) Increased demand of coal by the power sector vis-Ã -vis the projected requirement and spurt in demand of iron ore for export resulting in shortage of open wagons;

(ii) Substantial increase in loading of foodgrains for Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes of the State Government resulting in shortage of covered wagons for commodities like cement, foodgrains for export, etc.

(iii) Acute shortfall in the actual production of wagons vis- Ã -vis orders placed on the wagon manufacturing units. Total orders available with wagon industry during 2003-04 were for 23464 wagons (in terms of four wheelers) against which production upto the end of January, 2004, was 8197 wagons (in terms of four wheelers), which works out to 35% only.

(c) and (d): There are two coach manufacturing units under the Ministry of Railways namely, Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala and Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai and one coach manufacturing unit is available in the Public sector namely Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., Bangalore under Ministry of Defence and onein private sector namely JESSOPS, Kolkata. The manufacturing units for coaches and wagons, their production capacity and the coaches and wagons manufactured during the last three years are as under:

COACHES:

Name of the unit	Production capacity in 2000-01	Production in 2001-02	Production in 2002-03	Production
ICF, Chennai	1000	1000	1025	944

RCF,Kapurthala 1000 1190 1204 944
BEML, Bangalore 44 11 25
JESSOPS, Kolkata 22 22 25

WAGONS: (in terms of 4 wheeler units)

Name of the unit Licensed Production Production Production
capacity in 2000-01 in 2001-02 in 2002-03

Bharat Wagon
Engineering Co. Ltd.;
Muzaffarpur 2000 1210 905 497.5
Bharat Wagon
Engineering Co. Ltd.;
Mokameh 2000 877.5 520 430
Braithwaite & Co.
Ltd., Kolkatta 3000 2107.5 1170 1455
Burn Standard Co.
Ltd., Burnpur 3911 1952.5 1222.5 1345
Burn Standard Co.
Ltd., Howrah 4750 1505 490 1507.5
JESSOPS & CO. Ltd.,
Kolkatta 3279 402.5 440 430
Southern Structural
Ltd., Chennai 1500 125 32.5 12.5
Bridge & Roof,
Kolkatta ## 172.5 342.5 452.5
Cimmco Birla Ltd,
Bharatpur, Rajasthan# 3839 360 0 0
TEXMACO Ltd,
Kolkata 4800 2037.5 920 1830
MODERN Industries
Sahibabad, Uttar
Pradesh 2000 917.5 845 955
Hindustan
Engineering Industries,
Kolkatta 4056 807.5 1300 2146.5
BESCO Ltd., Kolkatta ## 1365 1557.5 1684
Titagarh Wagons Ltd.
Kolkatta ## 2015 1100 1607
Binny Engg. Co. Ltd.
Chennai# ## 25 2.5 0
Bharat Gold Mines
Ltd.# ## 25 0 0
Railway Workshops 2000 1848 1799.5 2231
Total 39135 17753 12647 16584

Not assessed as they were not manufacturing wagons at the time of
the respective assessment.

Units have since closed/not manufacturing wagons.

(e): The coach manufacturing capacity available both in the Railways` own production units as also in the Public and private sector units is adequate to meet Railways` current requirements. The wagon manufacturing capacity available in the Railway workshops and other units(both Public and Private) is adequate to meet the Railways current requirement.